



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Oldham et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/783,720

**Filed:** February 19, 2004

**For:** CASING AND LINER DRILLING  
BITS, CUTTING ELEMENTS THEREFOR,  
AND METHODS OF USE

**Confirmation No.:** 7639

**Examiner:** T. Bomar

**Group Art Unit:** 3672

**Attorney Docket No.:** 1684-6036US  
(484-28684-US)

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-74 and 179-186, without traverse.

**Please Note Information Disclosure Statements**

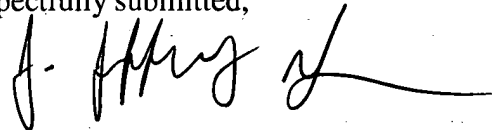
Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statements filed with the Office on **February 19, 2004, June 27, 2005, and August 26, 2005,**

and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 forms be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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